

TRIAL TRIP OF BEAVER

Sponsor and Party Invited to Make Cruise.

GOES OUT NEXT TUESDAY

Prominent Official of Bath the Own- ing and Building Companies to be Aboard—Vessel Will be Completed Ahead of Contract Time.

By special invitation of General Manager Walter A. Post, of the ship- yard, Miss Anna Manville, who christened the new freight and passenger steamer Beaver, building at the ship- yard for the San Francisco and Portland Steamship Company, will go out on the trial of that vessel next Tuesday. Miss Manville will be accompanied by Miss Allene Willett, who was her maid of honor at the christening, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manville, J. A. Willett and Mrs. W. A. Post and Mrs. Homer L. Ferguson also will make the trip on the steam- er.

R. P. Shewin, vice-president and general manager of the San Francis- co and Portland Steamship Company and Captain Kitson, who is to com- mand the ship, will represent the owning company on the trial. Among the yard officials who will be aboard will be General Manager Post, Super- intendent of Hull Construction Fergu- son, Chief Engineer Halley, Superin- tendent of Machinery James Rowbot- tom, Assistant Chief Engineer Paten and others. Engineers Neils Christ- iansen and James Williamson will be in charge of the engine and boiler rooms.

Manned by Shipyard Crew. Captain William G. Melvin, shore superintendent of the Seaboard Trans- portation Company, will command the Beaver on the trip and the ship will be manned by a crew of picked mechanics from the shipyard. Cap- tain John Hand, of Philadelphia, will go along to adjust the ship's com- passes.

The Beaver will leave the yard at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning and will steam directly to the Capes, where the compasses will be adjusted. The vessel will then have her speed run off the Virginia coast and later will be put through various evolutions to test the steering gear and auxiliary machinery. She is expected to return here about 4 o'clock Tuesday after- noon.

Ahead of Contract Time. The new vessel will be turned over to her owners at the shipyard about February 15, some four or five days ahead of contract time. The yard will receive a bonus of \$500 a day for every day under the contract time of eight months. From this port the Beaver will proceed to New York to load a cargo for San Francisco. The vessel will make the trip via the Strait of Magellan and is due to arrive at "Frisco" about April 1.

ORGANIZE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Movement on Foot to Have Big Gath- ering of Graduates—Plan Ban- quet in June.

Assisted by the members of the class which graduated from the High school this week, Superintendent of Schools William A. Jenkins has started a movement having for its object the organization of the Newport News High School Alumni Association by the graduates of the school who are now living in this city. A meeting of the graduates to perfect the organiza- tion will be called at the High school building in the near future.

Supt. Jenkins says that there are more than 150 graduates of the High school and he believes that the organization should start with a mem- bership of more than 100. A score or more of the alumni are attending col- leges at present, while many of them have located in distant cities.

The present plan is to have a ban- quet at the Warwick hotel in June when the present senior class grad- uates. The alumni from the distant cities and the colleges will be invit- ed.

BRING SUIT AGAINST CHESAPEAKE LAND CO.

New York Concern Brings Action for Foreclosure Sale Under Mortgage.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 3.—The Unit- ed Trust & Fide Company, at New York, trustees today filed a suit in equity in the United States Circuit Court here against the Albemarle and Chesapeake Canal Company for fore- closure sale of the canal properties of the defendant company under mortgage executed July 1, 1897, to se- cure a thirty year bond issue of \$500,000, default in interest and principal upon which has been made according to allegations of the bill, a complaint against fifty-one defendants.

The Albemarle & Chesapeake Canal connects the waters of Chesapeake bay and those of Currituck sound in eastern North Carolina, through Nor- folk.

There is also a second mortgage of \$50,000 upon the property, which pro- ceeds in priority \$50,000 in stock of the canal holding company.

Parade of Mardi Gras. NEW ORLEANS, LA., Feb. 3.—The parade and ball of the Knights of Monus, marking the beginning of the brilliant pageants of the Mardi Gras and concluding days of the carnival season in New Orleans, was given to- day. The crowds in attendance are among the largest in the history of Mardi Gras celebrations.

W. E. Rouse—Funeral Director.

SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thomas M. Band has as her guest in East End, her brother, Mr. L. Lloyd Hanks, of Ettrick, Va.

Miss Louise Randolph, of Washing- ton, D. C., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Palen, in North End.

Mr. L. D. Hamilton has been sum- moned to Petersburg by the illness of his brother, Mr. John J. Hamil- ton.

Mrs. M. E. Schofield and daughter have returned from a visit to rela- tives in Norfolk.

Miss Mabel Bowler, of Baltimore, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. R. F. Fletcher, on Huntington avenue.

Miss Helen Bolling, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. N. C. Mer- cuth, on Twenty-sixth street, has re- turned to her home in Washington, D. C.

Miss Louise Thompson, of Rich- mond, is the guest of her cousins, the Misses Thompson, on Twenty-ninth street.

Mrs. Frederick P. Palen has return- ed from a visit to relatives in Rich- mond.

COLD STORAGE SEARCH REVEALS EVIDENCE

Find 460,000 Pounds of Beef in Plant of Swift & Company.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—The only food product in the New York mar- kets today that showed a disposition to be reasonable was eggs, and even the best intentioned eggs were regard- ed with suspicion by cautious buy- ers after the disclosures of the after- noon.

Three hundred cans of liquid eggs such as are used by bakers, were se- ized in a cold storage warehouse by federal inspectors and condemned.

Hotel keepers complained that some of their "strictly fresh" eggs, suppos- ed to come from suburban farms, had been found penned with the names of girls who live in Ohio.

Swift & Company's plant, it was learned today, the grand jury which today inspected the establishment, found stored 460,000 pounds of beef, 50,000 pounds of poultry and a great quantity of lamb, mutton, pork, but- ter, sausage meat, hearts, livers and tripe.

Some of the meat, according to James Brady, superintendent of the plant, had been in storage since last April.

The jury will be in session again tomorrow, hoping to obtain evidence to warrant an indictment charging a conspiracy to control prices through the medium of cold storage.

Employees of Swift & Company have been subpoenaed to appear.

BODY LASHED TO MASTS.

Boat Founders in Chesapeake Bay and Entire Crew is Lost.

(By Associated Press.) CRISFIELD, MD., Feb. 3.—Mute evi- dence of a terrible struggle against the elements and the foundering of a Chesapeake bay oyster boat, with the loss of the entire crew, reached this port today when Captain J. Henry Nelson, of Crisfield, came in with the body of the captain of the bargey Effie Smith, William A. Bradshaw, of Smith's Island.

The bargey carried a crew of three men.

Captain Nelson, who discovered the wrecked vessel about 2 miles from Narrows Island light, found the body of Captain Bradshaw lashed to one of the masts. He had evidently been dead for some hours. No trace of the crew was obtained and it is thought they were washed over- board and drowned.

AMENDMENT ACCEPTED.

Senate Agrees to Change in Postal Savings Bank Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—Senator Smoot's amendment to the postal savings bank bill prohibiting the withdrawal for investment of pos- tal funds from banks in which they might be deposited so long as the banks were willing to pay 2 1/4 per cent, was agreed to in a slightly modified form by the senate today. The discussion of the measure brought out the fact that it is not the purpose to convert the proposed savings system into a money making concern for the benefit of the govern- ment and the effect of the amend- ment is to prevent a maximum inter- est charge not greater than is "reasonably sufficient to meet the expenses and the interest charges of the system."

STORE ROBBED AGAIN.

While Men Suspected Are in Jail, Bolling Company's Place is Visited.

While the four negroes whom the police believed were responsible for the robbery of the Bolling Grocery Company last Sunday night were safely locked in the Richmond jail, the grocery store was broken into again Wednesday night. So far as has been ascertained nothing was stolen from the place, but the intruder again made himself a full meal on crack- ers, cakes and other food stuffs found in the place.

Detective Sergeant Henry Bridges and Acting Detective Pearson are working on the case and some devel- opments are expected today.

Automobiles—Call W. E. Rouse.

FIGHT FOR STRODE BILL

Newport News Delegation Goes to Richmond Today.

MEANS MUCH TO THIS CITY

If Measure Becomes Law, Local Tax- able Values Will be Increased by Several Hundred Thousand Dollars —Richmond and Roanoke Opposed.

Mayor Maryus Jones, City Attorney J. A. Massie, and President W. Lee Powell, George Neils Wise and J. E. Warren, of the Chamber of Com- merce, will go to Richmond this morn- ing to appear before the senate com- mittee on taxation on behalf of Sena- tor Strode's bill providing for the dis- tribution among the cities and coun- ties of the state of the taxes on the rolling stock of railroads and electric lines operating in Virginia. W. S. Copeland will join the delegation at Richmond and appear with it before the committee.

When he was in this city last Sat- urday, State Senator Saxon W. Holt gave out a statement about the im- portance of the Strode bill to New- port News, saying that the bill will mean an increase of \$250,000 in the assessment of property here. It de- velops now, however, that the in- crease will be much greater.

Making Hard Fight.

Both Senator Holt and Representa- tive L. P. Stearnes are making a hard fight for the passage of the bill. They communicated with President Powell, of the Chamber of Commerce, yester- day morning by telegraph and tele- phone and asked that this city send a delegation to Richmond to appear be- fore the committee on taxation at the public hearing on the bill at 4 o'clock this afternoon. President Powell im- mediately called a meeting of the board of directors of the chamber and the president was authorized to name a delegation to go to Richmond.

Mr. Powell communicated with Mayor Jones and City Attorney Mas- sie and they promised to go to Rich- mond. Messrs. Wise and Warren also consented to make the trip and later Mr. Copeland was communicated with by telephone at Richmond and he will join the party upon its arrival at Richmond at noon today.

Richmond and Roanoke, which now receive nearly all of the taxes on the rolling stock of the railway systems in Virginia have a strong lobby at the capital to defeat the measure. How- ever, Newport News, Lynchburg, Dan- ville, Alexandria and many of the counties in the state are fighting for the measure and the indications are that it will be enacted. Owing to the fact that Richmond and Roanoke have the highest tax rates of any other cities or the counties, the passage of the measure will mean a saving in taxes to the railroads and it is said that the big systems are favoring Senator Strode's bill.

The plan of taxation proposed by Senator Strode is to distribute taxes on the rolling stock in proportion to the value of the property of the com- panies in the various cities and coun- ties through which the tracks run.

VAUDEVILLE AND PICTURES

Full houses were the order at the Bell theater yesterday afternoon and last night, in spite of the stormy weather. Little Garry Owen & Company continued to hold the feature place on the vaudeville bill, though both of the new acts were well received. Miss Grace Briggs was heartily ap- plauded for her songs, and Davis and Merrill, with the comedy sketch, came in for a good share of the applause.

As a whole, the show for the last three days of the week is regarded as one of the best the Bell has offered for some time.

An entirely new program of feature moving pictures will be put on this afternoon and tonight.

The Academy Bill.

"Taming the Shrew" as presented at the Academy this week by Wa- ter Evans Co. is constructed for laughing purposes only and as such it filled the hall, for the audiences seem to find the playlet is one big laugh from start to finish.

The Academy bill contains juvenile comedies in addition to Walter Evans—Henry McCarthy is his name and he does a clever blackface turn, singing and dancing and getting off a good monologue.

Turner and Powell present a "sting" of talking act of very fair merit. New pictures will be included in the Academy's program today.

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UNION STATION FOR NORFOLK.

Three Railroads to Use Structure That Will Cost \$1,000,000.

NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 3.—According to an announcement made at the of- fices of the Virginia Railway here today, Norfolk is to have a \$1,000,000 union depot, which will include a big eight-story office building. The work will begin within a short time. This structure will be located at the end of East Main Street, where the Vir- ginian Railroad terminal is now lo- cated, and will be jointly owned by the Norfolk and Western, the Nor- folk and Southern and Virginian Rail- ways. A bond issue has already been made for the work, and the ground plans have been drawn.

Mass Meeting Tonight.

A mass meeting of citizens living between Washington and Virginia avenues and Twenty-fifth street and Thirty-first streets, has been called for tonight at the city hall to take some action looking toward the ousting of the negro families which have crossed the railway yard and invaded the residential section along Virginia ave- nue and the abutting side streets from Twenty-fifth street to Thirty- first street.

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